

SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Mission Statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

Dear Families,

Holy Week

We will soon be entering Holy Week – the most important week in the Liturgical Year. When speaking about this, Pope Francis said:

"During these holy days, let us draw near [Jesus]. Let us place ourselves before him ... to take an honest look at ourselves, removing whatever is superfluous. Let us let Jesus regenerate hope in us."

St Norbert's Church – Parish Newsletter

Please find attached the Parish Newsletter from St Norbert's Church; this shows the scheduled Masses over the Easter period.

Questionnaire Feedback

On behalf of all staff and Governors, thank you for taking the time to share your feedback with us on our most recent Parent Questionnaire. We know that completing this is sometimes quite far down on families' priority lists, especially given how busy family life can be. Please be assured that we proactively seek your feedback because it matters deeply to us.

Fundraising

Last Wednesday, children and staff enjoyed taking part in the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD and I am really pleased to inform you that we raised a huge £205.50 through sponsorship and donations. Thank you so much for supporting our fundraising efforts and enabling us to show solidarity with others who are less fortunate.

In addition, our PTA also raised an amazing £664.60 from their Easter Bingo. Thank you so much again to everyone for your support.

After-School Activity Clubs

Please see my letter of 18th March detailing the after-school activity clubs available after the Easter Holiday. There are still places available in Multi-Sports, Football, Homework and Class 5 Lincolnshire Show clubs. Please complete the link with the email accompanying this letter to book your child's place. If your child attended these clubs last term, you should rebook their place for next term through the link, please.

For clarity, please note the following regarding clubs after Easter:

- Breakfast Club will be open every day from Wednesday 23rd April
- Goldstar Out-of-School Club will be open every day from Wednesday 23rd April
- Year 6 Breakfast Booster Club will be open every day from Wednesday 23rd April
- Year 6 After-School Booster Club will begin from Thursday 24th April
- Choir Club will begin from Monday 28th April



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- Multi-Sports Club will begin from Monday 28th April
- Football Club will begin from Tuesday 29th April
- KS2 Homework Club will begin from Tuesday 29th April (if needed)
- Mission Club will take place on Thursday 8th May, Monday 19th May and Monday 2nd June

New clubs after Easter will be:

- Craft Club with Miss Tonge (now full) from Monday 28th April
- Lincolnshire Show Club with Mr Walker and Mrs Pitois from Tuesday 29th April
- Playground Games Club (open to Class 2 initially, with the possibility of places for children in Year 1) after May half-term with Mrs O'Neill more details to follow

May Procession - Wednesday 7th May at 11.15am and Summer Picnic

Weather permitting, our annual May Procession – in honour of Our Lady – will take place on the school field at 11.15am after the Parish Mass. As is the case every year, we would be very grateful if your child could bring a flower for the procession, as these are laid at the altar and then used in Saint Norbert's Church afterwards. However, please do not feel obliged to spend any money.

If you would like to join us, please meet us on the school playground just before 11.15am and follow the children onto the field or as directed. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you if you are available.

Once the Procession has finished, children will then – again weather permitting – enjoy a 'Summer Picnic' lunch out on the school field. Those who normally have a school lunch have a sandwich choice on the school meals link sent out for that week; those who have a packed lunch will eat their own packed lunch as usual but on the school field with everyone else.

Easter Holiday Activities

Please find attached details of activities available during the Easter Holidays in our area which I have been asked to distribute, together with information from Caistor Grammar School and North Lincolnshire Council.

Summer Uniform

Children should return in their summer uniform after Easter, please:

Girls – green and white short-sleeved checked dress, white socks, black shoes or sandals and green school cardigan. No trainers.

Boys – black shorts or trousers, white short-sleeved shirt, plain black socks, black shoes or sandals and green school jumper. No trainers.

Our supportive PTA – the Friends of St Norbert's – have stocks of second-hand uniform available at very reasonable prices. Please contact Catherine Coggrave for full details. If you do not have contact details for Catherine, please contact the school office.

As always, thank you for supporting our well-intentioned uniform policy and for helping to keep costs low. If you experience any problems accessing the summer uniform, please call or visit me so that I can help. Please also be assured of my discretion.

Easter Holiday

School will close at 3pm for all children tomorrow, Friday 4th April. The Goldstar Out-of-School Club will not be open on this day as previously advised. Although staff will be in school working after the Easter holiday on Tuesday 22nd April, we will be closed and re-open for children on Wednesday 23rd April. We look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

A Dawson